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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SPECIAL ENVOY FOR MANPADS THREAT

REDUCTION DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKMENISTAN

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Per reftel, on March 26, 2008 Embassy conveyed demarche to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan regarding the announcement of Ambassador Lincoln Bloomfield, Jr.'s appointment as the Special Envoy for Man-Portable Air Defense (MANPADS) Threat Reduction. Any substantive response will be reported septel.

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